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SUBJECT: JAWAHARLAL NEHRU AWARD FOR 1975

1. DR. JONAS EDWARD SALK DISCOVERER OF THE ANTI-POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE NEHRU AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING 1975 IN RECOGNIZATION OF HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO THE BIOLOGICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES AND FOR THE CAUSE OF HUMANITY. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CAME FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA, MR. B.D. JATTI, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AWARD COMMITTEE.

2. DR. SALK IS THE FIRST PHYSICIAN AND SCIENTIST AMONG THE ELEVEN NEHRU LAUREATES SELECTED SO FAR. HE IS ALSO THE THIRD AMERICAN TO BE GIVEN THE AWARD. THE OTHER TWO AMERICAN RECIPIENTS WERE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN 1966 AND MR. YEHUDI MENUHIN

3. THE NEHRU AWARD HAS BEEN OFFERED EVERY YEAR SINCE 1965 FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. IT CARRIES RS 100,000 IN CASH (IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE) AND A CITATION.

THE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED TO DR. SALK AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY IN NEW DELHI ON A DATE CONVENIENT TO HIM.

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